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1. The Seehydrographische Dienst der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik (Maritime Hydrographical Service of the German Democratic Republic) (SHD) is subordinate to the sea police headquarters in Rostock both for personnel and administration. The SHD and its main office are located in Stralsund in a barracks installation of the former German Navy, on Daerholm Island. The SHD will be transferred from Stralsund to Rostock after the new sea-police buildings near Steintor in Rostock are complete. The SHD is under the orders of Fregattenkapitän Crawe (fnu) with Korvettenkapitän Scheib (fnu) as his deputy in the professional field, and Korvettenkapitän Glaser (fnu) for politico-cultural duties. Two Soviet liaison officers who wore sea-police uniforms, were attached to the main headquarters of the SHD on Daerholm Island. They were a Kapitän zur See as polit officer, and a Fregattenkapitän as specialist officer. Zalmikov (fnu) the former liaison officer, had left the SHD.

2. The main headquarters of the SHD is subdivided in the following sections:

Section I Surveying service, headed by Korvettenkapitän Scheib (fnu)

Section II Political and cultural section, headed by Korvettenkapitän Glaser (fnu)

Section III Nautical section, headed by Korvettenkapitän Balzer (fnu)

Section IV Administrative section, headed by civilian employee Schulz (fnu)

Financial section, headed by Hauptmann Oerlike (fnu)

Planning and checking section, headed by Major Peukert (fnu)

Cadre section, headed by Lieutenant Vandek (fnu)

Cartographical section, headed by Protz (fnu), a civilian employee

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Sea chart collection section, headed by Oberleutnant Petermann (fnu)

Hydrographisch-Meteorologisches Institut (Hydrographical and Meteorological Institute) (HMI), headed by Oberstleutnant Dr. Bruns (fnu).

State security service for the entire SHD organization is headed by Kapitänleutnant Hinz (fnu), who has his headquarters in the SHD building at 18 Wasser Strasse in Stralsund.

3. The following branch offices are subordinate to the SHD on Daenholm Island:

- a. Maritime hydrographical branch office at 18 Wasser Strasse in Stralsund
- b. Maritime hydrographical branch office at 15 See Strasse in Warnemuende
- c. Maritime hydrographical branch office at fleet base building in Peenemuende
- d. Hydrographical survey expedition at 18 Wasser Strasse in Stralsund
- e. Ships section at 18 Wasser Strasse in Stralsund
- f. Hydrographical and meteorological institute (HMI), branch office Warnemuende on See Strasse, adjoining the SHD office, and accommodated in the former Heinkel villa
- g. Nautisch-Hydrographisches Institut (Nautical and Hydrographical Institute) (NHI) in Berlin-Friedrichshagen.

The SHD Stralsund office, the maritime survey expedition and the ships section of the SHD are jointly accommodated in the same building at 18 Wasser Strasse and are designated Offices I, II and III in this building. They are independent sections which, although they are individually subordinate to the main SHD Office on Daenholm Island, have a common administration and supply office. The HMI branch office in Warnemuende is subject to the SHD on Daenholm Island. The main SHD mainly deals with hydrographical subjects, the Warnemuende branch chiefly works in the meteorological field.

4. The Stralsund maritime hydrographical office comprises the nautical office, headed by the Kapitänleutnant Leuthold (fnu); the coast lighting and buoyage section, headed by Petersen (fnu), a civilian, the maritime-hydrographical group, headed by Oberleutnant Weichbrot (fnu), and the four outposts at Darsser Ort, Dornbusch, Arkona and Greifswalder Oie, the respective light-houses and fog-signal stations being manned by three to four men. In addition to the outposts, the unwatched lights, for example on Ruden Island are supervised by the SHD office. The Stralsund SHD office is headed by Korvettenkapitän Juelke (fnu), with Kapitänleutnant Leuthold (fnu) as his expert deputy and Kapitänleutnant Raabe (fnu) as political and cultural deputy.

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5. The general organization of the maritime hydrographical offices in Warnemuende and Peenemuende is similar to that of the Stralsund SHD office. Since, however, the field of operation of these sections is far more restricted than the Stralsund office, they are only headed by special advisers, except for the hydrographical groups.
6. The maritime survey expedition is commanded by Korvettenkapitaen Fliegner (fnu), Hauptmann Herold (fnu) as specialist adviser and Sublieutenant Gebauer (fnu) as political officer. This section is subdivided into maritime surveying groups No 1 through 4, a shore surveying group, an evaluation group and an earth-magnetic group. The establishment of a fifth maritime survey group, which was to consist exclusively of uniformed sea police members, was scheduled for the summer of 1955.
- Maritime surveying group No 1, headed by Wilke (fnu), a civilian employee;
- Maritime surveying group No 2, headed by Behrens (fnu), a civilian employee;
- Maritime surveying group No 3, headed by Schwarz (fnu), a civilian employee;
- Maritime surveying group No 4 (special group), headed by Oberleutnant Hinz (fnu);
- Shore surveying group, headed by Stopp (fnu), a civilian employee;
- Evaluation group, headed by Hauptmann Herold (fnu);
- Earth-magnetic group, headed by Zimmermann (fnu), a civilian employee.
- The earth-magnetic group, which actually received its orders from the HMI at the main headquarters of the SHD on Daenholm Island, is subject to the maritime survey expedition section.
7. The nautical equipment depot of the sea police extends over the entire ground floor of the SHD building located at 18 Wasser Strasse, in Stralsund. The nautical equipment for the sea police bases is transported by trucks from this place, and the equipment for the SHD is also issued by this material depot at which such items as compasses, barometers, echo sounders and direction finders are stored. Oberleutnant Hasenjaeger (fnu) is head of the equipment depot.

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